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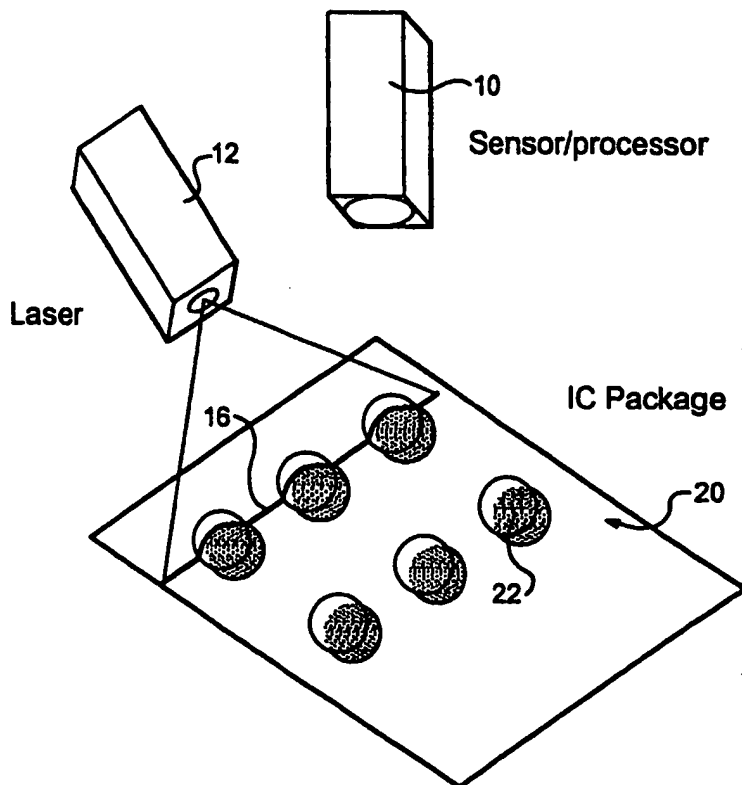
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EVALUATING INTEGRATED CIRCUIT PACKAGES HAVING THREE DIMENSIONAL FEATURES



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides for methods and apparatus for evaluating objects having three dimensional features. One method involve using both two dimensional data sets to improve the processing of three dimensional data sets. The two dimensional data set can be used to pre-qualify the three dimensional data set, or may be used to locate that data within the three dimensional data set which is characteristic of the three dimensional feature. The invention may include a sensor which is configured to capture both three dimensional and two dimensional data. The present invention provides for an efficient technique to evaluate three dimensional data. The present invention also solves heretofore unrecognized problems associated with geometric distortion.

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3D feature location on a 3D data set using a corresponding 2D data set.

2. claims: 5, 14-16

Single sensor arrangement for acquiring 2D and 3D data.

3. claims: 8-13

Prescreening the quality of an IC package in 2D to avoid unnecessary 3D data processing

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